

# THE BARBER COUNTY INDEX.

MEDICINE LODGE, KANSAS.

E. W. PAYNE, - - - PROPRIETOR.

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This is the season of the year to watch out for prairie fires. Hunting parties should be careful not to set the grass on fire.

The report of the treasurer of the Cherokee Strip Live Stock Association shows that the treasury is in good condition, and a nice balance on hand. The report is in another column.

In the winter, when cattle are traveling, and are liable to be taken up, it is more important than at any other season that cattle brands should be published. Now is the time to bring in your copy.

County Attorney Whitelaw declares that the saloons and dance houses in Dodge City must be closed on Sundays. It will soon be so that Dodge will be recognized as belonging to the civilized world.

A few dollars expended in having your cattle brand published may save you ten times the amount before spring. The Index circulates all over the southwest and is a most excellent advertising medium.

D. R. Anthony, of the Leavenworth Times, was thrown from a buggy last week and severely injured. He has had no many hair-breadth escapes that there are no fears entertained as to the result of the accident.

Topika is getting up a name for being a town for slingers and thieves. Hardly a day passes but some one is held up and robbed; women are frequently assaulted, and a general state of demoralization exists. This in the capital city of our moral state.

The work of tracklaying on the extension of the Santa Fe railroad from Wichita to Dodge City has been commenced with a large force of hands, and no doubt Kingman will be reached before the beginning of the new year.

Provide your ranches with good reading matter, and thus make the boys contented to remain there during the winter. Every copy of the Index contains as much reading matter as an ordinary novel.

A use for old tin cans has been discovered. The Atlantic and Pacific railroad is now paying \$8 a ton for scrap tin, and old tin cans, delivered on the cars in Albuquerque. The cans are to be pounded flat to save room in shipping. What the railroad does with the old tin has not transpired yet.

A new paper has been started at Caldwell, known as the Caldwell Standard. It is Democratic in politics, and opposed to monopolies, oppression, and in fact wrong in every shape. Joe H. Carter is the editor and publisher. It appears to have a good advertising patronage, and we suppose will prosper.

Judge Charles A. Winslow, one of the Missouri supreme court commissioners, died at Jefferson City last Sunday. He was recognized as one of the ablest attorneys in the state and at the same time he was a most quiet and unassuming gentleman. Had he been spared he could have held a fine position on the supreme court bench of that state.

General Phil Sheridan has astonished and disgusted the military snobs around Washington by riding in the street cars instead of the carriages furnished the heads of departments by the government. If a democratic administration does get possession of affairs at Washington there will be a thinning out of official duties.

Mt. Reynolds says that Col. Jennison, who is in business at Leavenworth, is growing old and somewhat feeble. The fire of twenty-five years ago that burned so strong in his fervent and impassioned nature is a good deal less bright now. He rarely comes down town nights, but is generally at his home.

In Hyde county, North Carolina, the other day, there was a swell country wedding, at which champagne flowed in any quantity. A lot of young fellows became drunk and crazy and engaged in a general fight at the supper table in the presence of all the guests. The groom's best man was shot dead in his tracks and another young man was mortally wounded.

The Chicago fat stock show is in full blast this week, and is largely attended by western stockmen. During the week several other important meetings affecting the stock interests, is to be held in Chicago, the most important one being the one called by the U. S. Commissioner of Agriculture to consider the question of contagious diseases among live stock.

Bill Hackney, of Cowley county has been mentioned as a probable candidate for governor on the Republican ticket, along with Jim Legate, prohibition Campbell, Thacher, Kelly, et al. If the Republicans of his home county, Cowley, allow Hackney to get any office, after the abuse he heaped on them last winter, they are a set of "chumps."

Dr. Trumbower, who was down in this section a few weeks since, inspecting diseased cattle, for the government, has reported to Governor Glick that there are a number of horses in Harper county afflicted with glanders. If this is a fact, and we have no reason to question the report, our people should use all care to prevent the disease from getting among our horses.

Hugh Bartlett, a young confederate soldier from Webster county, Mo., during a confederate raid into Missouri in 1862-3, was shot and killed near Cochrane's mill in Cooper county, and buried in the woods. His remains were recently discovered by his friends, and proved to be in a perfect state, and the bullet that ended his career in this life had worked out of the dead and was in the box.

We are trying to keep track of the Ford boys, the St. Louis police models, and Frank James; not because we are particularly interested in the subjects, but because all the other papers appear to be doing the same thing. So we will now say that Bob Ford has not been lost, but has turned up in New York. It was hoped he had been kidnapped and carried to a foreign country.

It is announced that the entire surplus school fund of Kansas is now invested in local school bonds, amounting in the aggregate to \$700,000. It occurs that there may be some trouble in the state collecting all of these bonds when they fall due, for there are certainly a number of cases where the law has not been followed strictly in their issue, and where officials have speculated at the expense of the school districts. These frauds will be shown up when the bonds begin to fall due.

The St. Louis police muddle continues to attract attention, and the longer the matter is talked of, the more certain it appears that the governor of the state of Missouri is under the control of a corrupt ring and the tool of gamblers. He refused to remove from office his corrupt police commissioners and has in various ways refused to purify his administration. The result of this muddle is going to be that the Republicans will carry the city of St. Louis at the municipal election next April, and perhaps elect two congressmen the following November. We are afraid that even Democrats of other states will be repeating that Republican saying, so unpleasant, "poor old Missouri!"

As may have been noticed within the past two or three weeks, the prices of stock cattle have been gradually on the increase. During the month of September and part of October, when the rains were threatening to do such serious damage to the grass, cows and calves were commanding no higher prices than they did in July. But now they are climbing toward the top figures very rapidly. Yearlings are not considered high at \$22, as two-year-olds are sold readily at \$32 and even \$34. All this because ranchmen have confidence in getting their stock through the winter, now that but little of the fat has disappeared, though winter has got a good start already.

The Pittsburgh Stockman has hit the nail square on the head in discussing the subject of selecting breeding stock. It says: "In purchasing breeding stock the buyer should satisfy himself as to its adaptability to his climate and latitude. In some breeds of stock this is almost indispensable, and in nearly all it is a matter of some importance. Other things being equal, a breeding animal is likely to do better in climatic surroundings not differing materially from those in which it was bred and reared, than where it will be subjected to radically different climatic conditions. Ranchmen understand this, and buy their bulls, as far as practicable, from the latitude in which they are to be used. Of course with them, where even fine breeding stock receives but little special care, this is more necessary than where breeding stock is well cared for, yet the principle on which they act is worthy the attention of all stockmen."

To cattlemen who have resided here for years and watched the seasons, it is unnecessary to give any advice as to how or when they should devote the most attention to their cattle; but there are many new men here who may not know what is really good for their interest. In the east it is customary to commence feeding cattle as soon as the first biting blasts of winter are felt; and so accustomed are cattle to being supplied with abundance of feed from the time they first begin to low, that it becomes their nature. In this country the worst months are February and March. Those who have fed put up with the reminder of this too frequent. If they unfence their stacks and allow their stock to tramp around and over the feed without limit, there will be nothing left for the months when feed is needed worst. It will be better to allow the animals to go hungry until after Christmas than to run the risk of having nothing left to save them from starving in the early spring.

A dispatch from Wichita dated the 17th inst. says: "A few days since the Kansas City, Fort Scott, Springfield & Arkansas railroad was completed and traffic opened. This line, by way of the St. Louis, Ft. Scott & Wichita railroad opens a route from the Arkansas valley to the south and gulf. An effort was made a few years since to secure a direct line from this point down the Arkansas river to Memphis, by way of Ft. Smith, Arkansas. A charter was obtained and an organization of prominent citizens of Kansas, Arkansas and Tennessee perfected. Had it not been for a failure to obtain a right of way through the Indian Territory, from Arkansas City to Fort Smith, the line would have been completed and the lower Arkansas valley had a short line to Memphis, New Orleans and the Gulf of Mexico."

Governor Glick was in Chicago last week and submitted to an interview, from which we take the following: "He said that the democrats had made substantial gains in the recent county elections in Kansas. We carried counties that they had before, electing our entire county tickets. When I defeated St. John I carried a number of localities that gave a majority for the rest of the republican ticket. This time some of these counties went democratic from top to bottom. It was the case in Russell, Ford and several others."

"Will the prohibition question come up next year?" "I think so. The prohibitionists say they will keep up the fight and nominate a prohibition republican for governor next year on a prohibition platform. They are a majority of the republican party of Kansas and can control the convention. Whether they can win with it remains to be seen. I am not a candidate for re-election and do not care to make another race. One term is glory enough for me. We will make an aggressive fight next year and will go to win. The state has been re-districted into seven congressional districts and we expect to carry at least two of them. The first, containing the cities of Atchison and Leavenworth, I am confident we can carry, and there is a fair prospect of defeating Haskell in the Lawrence district. He is strong protectionist and does not suit the people on this issue. Free trade clubs have been organized all over his district and they are mainly run by republicans."

"Whom do the Kansas democrats favor for president?" "I am in favor of Joe McDonald. I think it should be a western man, and he seems the most available one in sight. McDonald and Hewitt would be about the right thing in my judgment."

From reliable data, already obtained, it is estimated that the internal revenue will amount to \$120,000,000 this year, only \$20,000,000 less than for the year ending June 30th, last. When the revenue of the tariff laws was made by the last session of congress it was announced that the reduction of the internal revenue taxes would be \$10,000,000, and the friends of a reduced tariff then pointed out that the figures were not correct.

Summer county is considerably stirred up over a proposed new railroad that a lot of adventures propose building. It is proposed to run a narrow gauge railroad from Denver, Colorado to Memphis Tennessee. Instead of commencing work at one or the other termini, Belle Plaine has been selected as the starting point. The length of the road will be about 1,000 miles. Subscription books have been opened and persons desiring to squander their wealth can take a trip over to Belle Plaine, in Summer county, where the headquarters of the new company will be. But why not just as easily build a double track, standard gauge, all steel rail route? It is as easily done (on paper).

Kansas City may be said to be a "fly" town, and the mercury is away down when it gets taken in; but an alleged spiritualistic medium did that very thing last Saturday night. He claimed to be Charles T. Slade, the well known medium, and appeared before a large audience at the Coates opera house to give an exhibition. He was doing the "cabinet act," and had been securely tied with ropes. The hands of the "spirits" appeared above the cabinet, a drum was heard beating inside, and all would have been satisfactory had not one of the impulsive examining committee suddenly opened the cabinet. Then it was found that an assistant of the medium had climbed up through a trap door in the floor and was doing work for the spirits. The medium and his assistant slipped out a back door and escaped from the city. The entrance money was refunded by the opera house managers, and by a vote donated to the Provident association.

The Indian Chieftain, published at Vinita, in the Territory, is doing a considerable amount of growing on a subject that it can't affect in the least, viz: the lease of the Cherokee Strip to the stockmen. If we remember correctly this same would-be Chieftain was one of the strongest advocates of the lease, when the question was before the Cherokee council, and why the paper should now attempt to oppose it. Perhaps the Chieftain does not appear. Perhaps the Chieftain does not profit by the lease, that no part of the one hundred thousand dollars rental money reaches the Chieftain—and that if the lease did exist there might be a "lobby" fund raised by others anxious to secure the prize, and that this fund might be so distributed that the Chieftain would be the recipient of a slice.

The latest on the subject from the Chieftain is the following: "The Cherokees and other tribes who have made or could make leasing of their lands for grazing purposes to wealthy corporations in the states, should have intelligence enough to know that they themselves are aiding in bringing about a state of affairs that will necessitate legislation by congress which will not be favorable to the preservation of their rights. Nothing more than a pretext is wanted to bring about this result, and if these leases are approved by the department of the Interior, it will be furnished by the herders, the cowboys, the interminable miles of wire fencing and other property of citizens of the United States that will become fixtures in the Territory, without law, without order and without organization. If the voice of reason, of patriotism and even of self interest could be heeded in the haste to grab the mess of pottage tendered them for their birthright they would see that this valuable trust could and should be kept within their own hands and under their immediate control. If cattle and sheep and horses and goats must be introduced into the country to graze on our native grasses, let it be done by those amenable to our laws, under well-matured restrictions and regulations devised and adopted by our National Council."

There is hope. Kansas Republicans are attempting to get great consolation from the result of the recent election in this state, and are arguing that it shows that the party is not divided, and that the thousands of Republicans who voted for Governor Glick may hereafter be counted on to vote without scratching. This is the first comfort the Republicans have had since the election of 1882, and they may as well enjoy the comfort of this crumb for it is likely to be the only morsel they will have for two years longer.

In the late election the contests were entirely local, and while we admit that the democrats did not elect any great number of county officials, it is also true that they are fast gaining a substantial recognition, and are slowly breaking up Republican calculations over the entire state. Why, it has been only a few years since there was no democratic organization in one county in twenty in Kansas, and when even an occasional democratic county official was almost unheard of. What do we have now? Democratic sheriffs, treasurers, clerks and commissioners, Democratic County Central Committees, township organizations, and more important yet, Democratic newspapers. These are signs of the times that cannot be looked over.

And the prohibition issue has not worked all of this change, either. As the population of the state increases, a better class of people come in. Men from eastern and southern states who are not guided by the prejudices under which the old residents have so long lived; men who demand reasons for following the directions of Republican leaders; men who recognize that the slavery question and the war question on which Kansas politicians continue to harp, have long since been settled. This new population can read and think and will not be controlled by prejudice. And the stories handed down "from sire to son" about massacres and invasions, and war stories, fail to influence the young men into blindly supporting the Republicans because that party "saved the Union." Young men can see that this claim does not belong wholly to the Republican party. Many of those who believe it does, can't see the reason for so continually "blowing" about it.

And then there is another reason for Democracy gaining a foothold in Kansas. There are old settlers who voted with the Republicans from the time the state was admitted until a few years ago, who have observed that their party was "hand in glove" with all the rascals who plundered the state; that, without exception, the county bond swindlers were respected and leading Republican lights; that the administrations that permitted the corporations to steal the valuable lands were Republican; that the defaulting state and county treasurers were Republicans; that the commissioners who located and built the charitable institutions, and perpetrated such glaring steals from the treasury were Republicans. These old citizens, with a commendable pride for their state as it is, look back and see how much grander it might have been, and are willing now to try some other party.

Then, there are others. The dissatisfied ones. The ones who imagine their services have not been appreciated—they are also leaving the old ship. True they may not have as good reasons for quitting as others we have mentioned, but they are changing into Democrats, and in greater numbers than might be supposed.

Then the Greenbackers. They are made up of all parties, and finding their mission ended, if indeed they ever had a mission, they won't go with the majority party, for they know they would never be recognized. So they are slowly but surely coming into the Democratic fold.

Rather a heterogeneous mixture would you say? Maybe so; but we started out to say that the solid Republican column in Kansas was melting away under the bright sun of intelligence; that it was diminishing under the rays of civilization; that it is crumbling under hard knocks of truth; that it is tottering under the blows administered by right, and that it is wearing under the continual dripping from a thousand dissatisfied elements.

It may not be next year, or even four years from then; but before another decade, and that is not long to wait, this state will be as much a Democratic state as Indiana. It may take another decade to place it along with the always reliable democratic states like Missouri and Kentucky; but that day will come.

Next year a Democrat will be elected governor; more than likely we will elect two or three congressmen; the county offices will be more evenly divided between the two parties. We are not ready yet to say that "we have met the enemy and we are theirs."

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